and other changes considered necessary for finalizing the proposed Integrated Food Law (IFL) and related regulation.

The draft IFL being considered by the GoM, proposes to do away with the multiplicity of food laws and enforcement agencies. This would also enable pooling of infrastructure, manpower and testing facilities created under different agencies, for better standard fixation and enforcement.

Dismantling old ships

*250. SHRIKRIPAL PARMAR:
SHRI B.J. PANDA;

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that old and obsolete ships are being dismantled under wholly inadquate conditions on the beaches of India and adjoining countries;

(b) if so, whether Government are aware of the hazardous materials these ships are depositing on our seas;

(c) whether Government have lodged any protest with Britain or other countries, found indulging in this illegal practice; and

(d) If so, the results thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) Old and . . obsolete ships are being dismantled on Indian beaches and also in the adjoining countries of Pakistan, Bangladesh and China. Ship breaking in India is being carried out at the beaches of Alang-Sosiya (which contributes approx. 90% of ship breaking in India), Mumbai, Sachana, Kolkata and Kakinada. The process of ship breaking in India is regulated as per the Supreme Court guidelines issued in 2003 and these are being observed at all the breaking sites. There are three international organizations which are in the process of formulating environmental and safety regulations for the industry and India is actively participating in these proceedings. The status of applicability of these regulations to the adjoining countries of Pakistan and Bangladesh will only become clear after these are notified.

(b) The Menon Committee appointed under the directions of the Supreme Court has observed that inbuilt hazardous material contained in the ships for breaking is less than 1 % of the total weight of the ship. These hazardous

wastes are being processed and disposed as per the Waste Management Rules implemented by the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB).

(c) and (d) Do not arise in view of (b) above.

Rail Museums

†*251. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Rail Museums in the country;

(b) the amount allocated for the maintenance of the same, every year;

(c) whether the amount is fully utilized; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI LALU PRASAD): (a) At present, there are 3 Rail Museums in the country as given below:

(i) National Rail Museum, New Delhi

(ii) Narrow Gauge Rail Museum, Nagpur

(iii) Regional Rail Museum, Chennai

(b) Amount allocated to the Museum for maintenance is give below:

	Year	Amount allocated (Rs. in lakhs)	Amount spent (Rs. In lakhs)
National Rail Museum	2003-04	120.00	105.81
	2004-05	93.00	100.00 (projected)
Narrow Gauge Rail Museum, Nagpur	2003-04	4.63	4.63
	2004-05	4.63	4.63 (projected)
Rail Museum, Chennai	2003-04	4.31	4.31
	2004-05	3.26	3.26 (projected)

(c) Yes, Sir

(d) Does not arise.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.